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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As will be recalled, the Security Council, by its resolution 1048 (1996) of 29 February 1996, extended the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) for a final period of four months. In the attached letter of 31 May 1996, President Préval has requested the presence of a multinational force in Haiti for a further six-month period. My report to the Security Council, due by 15 June 1996, will contain recommendations in this regard.

I should be grateful if you would bring President Préval's letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI



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Annex

[Original: French]

Letter dated 31 May 1996 from the President of the Republic
of Haiti addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you the serious concern of the Haitian Government as the deadline of 30 June 1996, the date on which the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) comes to an end, approaches.

The current context of the social climate in Haiti requires the Government to have at its disposal an adequate public force for the maintenance of order and security. Our newly established National Police is unfortunately not fully in a position to assume that responsibility.

Accordingly, I am writing to request the Security Council to authorize the presence of a multinational force in Haiti for a further six-month period. This extension would have the doubly beneficial effect of supporting the maintenance of public order and strengthening the National Police.

(Signed) René PRÉVAL
